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**Rockhopper Exploration plc**  
("Rockhopper" or the "Company")

**Annual Report and Accounts and Notice of AGM**

Rockhopper Exploration plc (AIM: RKH), the North Falkland Basin oil and gas exploration company, is pleased to confirm that the 2010 Annual Report and Accounts will be dispatched to shareholders tomorrow, 3 September 2010, and is also now available via the Company's website [www.rockhopperexploration.co.uk](http://www.rockhopperexploration.co.uk) and at the Company's Registered Office, Hilltop Park, Devizes Road, Salisbury, SP3 4UF.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at Addleshaw Goddard LLP, Milton Gate, 60 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4AG on 30 September 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

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**Notes to Editors**

Rockhopper was established in February 2004 with a strategy to invest in and carry out an offshore oil exploration programme to the north of the Falkland Islands. The Company floated on AIM in August 2005 and holds a 100 per cent. interest in four offshore production licences: PL023, PL024, PL032 and PL033 which cover approximately 3,800 sq. km. Rockhopper has also farmed in (7.5% working interest) to licences PL003 and PL004, which are operated by Desire Petroleum. These licences have been granted by the Falkland Islands government.

An extensive work programme has been carried out over a number of years on the licences operated by Rockhopper. This has included 2D and 3D Seismic and Controlled Source Electromagnetic Mapping (CSEM). In February 2010, the Ocean Guardian drilling rig arrived in Falkland waters to carry out a multi-well drilling campaign. Rockhopper drilled an exploration well on its Sea Lion prospect during April and May 2010, the result of which is the first oil discovery and Contingent Oil Resource in the North Falkland Basin.

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